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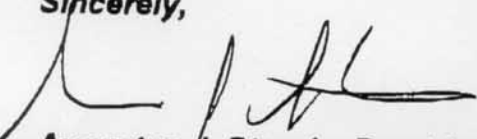
Dear Mr. Karney:

This responds to your February 11th letter requesting comments on potential revisions to the Energy Star criteria for windows and doors.

As a manufacturer of window and door products, Stergis Aluminum Products, strongly supports the three-zone alternative as new criteria for the Energy Star windows program. From a manufacturing and marketing standpoint, we favor the relative simplicity of three zones instead of four. Also, informed consumers are increasingly demanding windows that both insulate well and reduce summer cooling requirements. This is best utilized in the three-zone alternative.

I request that the three zone alternative be adopted as the new standard for the Energy Star windows program.

Sincerely,



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